

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

This abstract will replace all prior versions in the application:

**CONNECTOR AND CONNECTOR SYSTEM****ABSTRACT**

A connector is provided with a terminal element including a conductor-connecting section connectable to a conductor of an electric wire and a contact section capable conductively contacting with a corresponding terminal element of a counterpart connector, an electrically insulating body for supporting the terminal element while exposing the conductor-connecting section and the contact section, and an abutting member assembled with the body and bringing the wire conductor into abutment with the conductor-connecting section under pressure. The body includes a fitting portion capable of fitting with a counterpart connector while positioning the contact section with respect to the corresponding terminal element. The conductor-connecting section and the contact section are arranged to be aligned with each other generally orthogonal to a connector fitting direction defined by the fitting portion.